

Senate Bill 324

By: Senators Thompson of the 5th, Unterman of the 45th, Weber of the 40th, Shafer of the 48th, Butler of the 55th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To authorize Gwinnett County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Gwinnett County shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize Gwinnett County to undertake and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize Gwinnett County to exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

SECTION 2.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendent of Gwinnett County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Gwinnett County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the earliest practical date on which an election will otherwise be held for another purpose in Gwinnett County and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks

1 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Gwinnett County. The ballot
2 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

3 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Gwinnett County for the
4 purpose of improving economic and social conditions in depressed areas
5 () NO within the county to exercise redevelopment powers under the
'Redevelopment Powers Law'?"

6 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
7 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
8 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
9 force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is
10 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective
11 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately
12 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Gwinnett
13 County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the
14 Secretary of State.

15 **SECTION 3.**

16 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
17 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

18 **SECTION 4.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.